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## **Press Release Announcement - February 24, 2006 - For Immediate Release**

### **Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Up 5 Percent From Last Year**

On February 1, 2006, Arizona had 346,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 5 percent from a year ago and up 12,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 39,000 head, 9,000 head more than a year ago. During January, 26,000 head were marketed, 5,000 less than last January.

On February 1, 2006, California had 550,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 5 percent from last year, but the same as last month. Placements totaled 71,000 head, up 12,000 head from last year. During January, 62,000 head were marketed, down 1,000 head from last January.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 12.1 million head on February 1, 2006. The inventory was 7 percent above February 1, 2005 and 9 percent above February 1, 2004.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 2.20 million, 16 percent above 2005 and 25 percent above 2004. Net placements were 2.12 million. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 530,000, 600-699 pounds were 447,000, 700-799 pounds were 702,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 520,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.81 million, up 2 percent from 2005 and up 2 percent from 2004.

Other disappearance totaled 83,000 during January, 14 percent above 2005 but 12 percent below 2004.

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